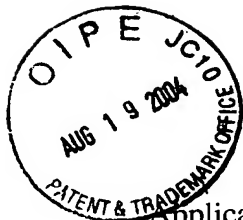


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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated May 10, 2004 be extended for a period of one (1) month from August 10, 2004, up to and including September 10, 2004.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$ 110.00. Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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